May 21, 1968

Mrs. Wm. C. Meginnis
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Dear Mrs. Meginnis:

In my husband's absence, I am acknowledging receipt of your letter.

Since you have read in WHITEWASH of his experience with publishers, you know why we were forced to the expedient of private publication of the WHITEWASH series in the form they were presented. There are various "vanity houses" which will publish books for which you pay the costs; they don't risk their money.

We used Merkle Press, in Washington, which is a large company but not in the "vanity" category. They will reproduce either the typed manuscript by offset or will set the book in type. With them you are your own publisher, they are the printer and you pay their normal charges for the work they perform. If you are interested in contacting them, the person with whom we most often have contact is Merhl DeLancey. The address is 810 Rhode Island Avenue, NE, Washington, D. C.

Having your manuscript edited by a professional is pnot necessarily bad, particularly if you are able to work with the editor and make sure that the final revision is in keeping with your philosophy and the facts. A good editor is able to make very worthwhile contributions to any literary offering.

From your letter, it would seem that your story might very well be an important contribution to public understanding in the field of mental health and its treatment, so I would hope that you would persevere in your efforts to attain publication.

As for any help my husband might be able to give you, I doubt if that would be possible since he is already keeping a schedule which would have floored a less hardy soul. He is away from home approximately half the time, and when he is home he works an eighteen-to-twenty-hour day. When he gets home, however, he will read your letter and this reply; if there is anything he can add to what I have told you, he owill write you himself.

In the meantime, don't give up! Dr. Unger's contribution to the work should be helpful.

Sincerely,

zLillian Weisberg